

Florida Department of Health
Alachua County Health Department
2018 ANNUAL REPORT
To the Community

DOH Alachua 2018 Annual Report to the Community: Accomplishments

Clinical Care

More than 11% of Alachua County residents received services from the Florida Department of Health in Alachua County (DOH-Alachua), with over 29,000 active clients accessing more than 481,000 services in health care.

School attendance was supported with clinical services provided by 11 DOH-Alachua nurses in 12 area schools. Out of more than 90,000 services delivered to students in these clinics, over 90% of the issues were resolved and students returned to class that day.



Participants in the Diabetes Case Management Program made significant progress. The number of participants with HbA1c results at or below goal increased from 13.73% at program initiation to 31.98% upon completion of the program. Those individuals with critically high HbA1c decreased from 39.95% to 13.9% upon program completion. Desirable LDL levels improved from 39.11% to 56.14%. The Diabetes Health Network continues to offer the CDC Diabetes Prevention Program to the community and staff; facilitates a local Diabetes Support Group in partnership with local community agencies; and is expanding Diabetes Self-Management Education to accept referrals from providers.

The Southwest Dental Clinic continues to increase the community's access to oral health by opening a new clinic at the main site of the health department, in addition to the Southwest Clinic location. The school-located sealant program continues to expand with seven schools conducting clinics and more in line for the coming year. In addition, services have been extended to deliver fluoride treatments and screening to WIC clients.

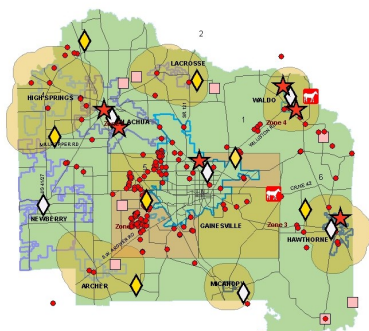
Disaster Preparedness

Enhanced capacity to respond to public health emergencies and mass casualty incidents has been achieved, implemented and sustained in the 2018 hurricane local staff deployed out-of-state to assist with Hurricane Florence recovery, and four in-state missions were filled after Hurricane Michael. In addition, a biomedical equipment laboratory continues to maintain the state's emergency cache of equipment, two caches of medical supplies and equipment as well as mobile medical clinics remain ready to deploy where needed, and a proven network of community partners are poised to respond as a high-functioning team.

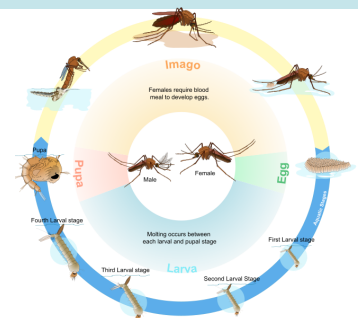


The Alachua Area Medical Reserve Corps volunteers provided over 300 medical services to clients of the Fearnside Family Center medical clinic for the poor and uninsured. MRC volunteers also provided medical services to the underserved through three mobile outreach clinics in Alachua County.

Environmental Health



The Environmental Health Section at the Alachua County Health Department employs 11 full time staff which performs services in 16 programs (covering up to 13 counties). Environmental Health also maintains a NELAC certified bacteriological water lab and employs an EPA certified lead inspector as a part of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. The Environmental Health Section performed over 10,799 services in 2018.



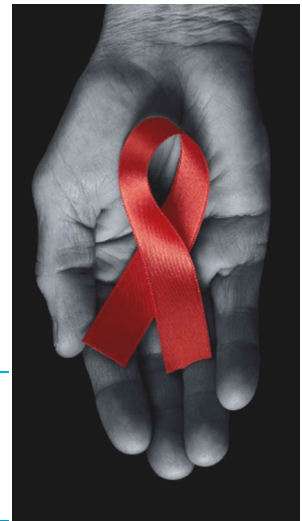
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Communicable Disease

Health outcomes have improved for people living with HIV/AIDS in Alachua County as a result of clinical care and case management. In our 15-county service area, 66% of people with HIV have a suppressed viral load, 4% higher than the state rate. HIV-positive people with a suppressed viral load live longer, healthier lives and are 96% less likely to transmit the virus to someone else in the community. Launched in 2016, the innovative Antiretroviral Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) clinic program for people who are at high risk of acquiring HIV served 34 clients. The Test and Treat program for people who are newly diagnosed with HIV infection served over 200 clients.

In addition, 26 at-risk infants were born HIV-negative with the help of the Perinatal Prevention Program. This program is instrumental in preventing the transmission of HIV from mother to infant through supportive intervention.

Successfully striving to raise awareness of individual disease status, staff provided direct and technical assistance to 50 community/faith based organizations that partner with DOH-Alachua in counseling/testing for HIV/AIDS and STDs. In 2018, the program conducted 6,027 HIV tests.



Charged with controlling the spread of sexually transmitted infections, the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Program investigated over 11,000 cases of STDs in Areas 3/13. Staff contacted clients, interviewed partners, offered treatment and provided risk reduction education. Staff also implemented result notifications by text and assisted with test and treat.

The risk of exposure to tuberculosis (TB) has been reduced in Alachua County because of a 25% decrease in active TB cases since 2011. This can be credited to increased field activities and targeted use of resources through the Florida Tuberculosis System of Care.

Successful surveillance and response efforts by the Epidemiology Program in 2018 minimized and controlled disease outbreaks. The Program responded to the ongoing threat of mosquito-borne diseases, including Zika virus, by communicating with those involved in our community's mosquito control efforts and caring for pregnant women. The Epidemiology Program identifies, assesses, and controls the presence and spread of over 90 communicable diseases through our routine surveillance and reporting mechanisms.



Case Management: The Ryan White and Project AIDS Care HIV/AIDS case management programs assist with access to medical appointments, medicines, transportation, dental services, and other critical support for people living with HIV/AIDS. These programs provided 14,710 services to 975 clients in 2018.

Minority AIDS Program: Charged with minority community mobilization against the spread of HIV/AIDS, the program provided health education at over 28 events in 2018. Volunteers donated over 268 hours to health education outreach and counselling/testing in our community.

DOH/DOC 340B Program: An HIV/STD screening and treatment program, the 340B program in Alachua County currently holds clinics in nine correctional institutions.

FDOH-Alachua continues the fight against influenza and other vaccine-preventable disease via an innovative partnership with Alachua County's Public Schools and the University of Florida. In 2018, 8,819 flu vaccines were administered in 64 schools, including public, private, and charter. An additional program was launched to bring vaccinations to high school students, administering nearly 400 doses of Meningitis B, Meningitis ACWY, Hepatitis A, and HPV. These annual programs continue to grow and serve as a platform for building an infrastructure that equips DOH-Alachua with the ability to respond quickly and effectively to any vaccine-preventable disease threat.

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Florida's Healthiest Weight Initiative

Established in 2014, Healthiest Weight Florida is a public-private collaboration to help children and adults of Alachua County make informed choices about healthy eating and active living. HWF implements a collective impact approach by focusing efforts on targeted Healthy Places: birthing facilities, early care centers, schools, worksites, communities, and health care settings.



Tobacco Prevention Program: Promoting local policy, systems, and environmental change initiatives in order to reduce tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke for Alachua County residents. The program recently assisted the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners as they reviewed and passed a local tobacco retail license, which: (1) raises the age for tobacco sale to 21 years old, (2) creates a 1,000 foot buffer around K-12 schools where tobacco cannot be sold, and (3) closes the existing e-cigarette loophole.



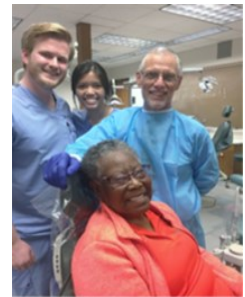
Green Dot GNV: Green Dot GNV is an evidence-based violence prevention program that seeks to permanently reduce violence in Alachua County. In 2018, Green Dot GNV provided violence prevention information and education to 6,241 people with a message (1) violence is not acceptable in our community, and (2) everyone is expected to do their part.



The WIC Program: The Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) works to reduce the percentage of infant deaths, pre-mature births, and low birth weight babies in the communities we serve. Alachua WIC agency operates 14 clinic sites in 10 counties. Dietitians, Nutrition Educators and Breastfeeding Consultants educate clients in an effort to improve the health and nutrition of pregnant, breastfeeding and post-partum women, as well as infants and children under the age of five. In 2018, the agency issued benefits to over 60,000 eligible clients and completed over 15,000 high risk nutrition education and breastfeeding contacts. The agency provided services to an average of 11,516 participants monthly and participated in 195 events and outreach opportunities.

The We Care Program:

We Care volunteers provided \$3.3 million dollars in medical services to poor and uninsured residents of Alachua County. Services included physician care and hospital based services. We Care staff also organized and coordinated 28 volunteer dental clinics providing over \$78,900 in services while The Florida Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program provided access to mammograms and pap smears to over 100 eligible residents. The Florida Colorectal Cancer Control Program, LIFT project (Leading Innovation for Transformation), funded by the Centers for Disease Control, increased population-based screening efforts at the DOH – Alachua. In 2018, more than 300 cancer screening tests were completed and 22 colonoscopies provided to symptomatic clients.



The Car Seat Safety Program: The DOH-Alachua Car Seat safety program provides timely safety education to families and caregivers, and strives to improve the culture of car seat safety in Alachua County. In 2018, the program checked and installed 113 car seats, including 40 new installs at 14 checkpoint events.

Vital Statistics: The Vital Statistics department answered 29,313 requests in Alachua County for birth, death and fetal death records. Service was rendered from the DOH-Alachua facilities in Gainesville and the city of Alachua. As an added convenience, birth certificates continue to be available from the three Alachua County Tax Collector office locations.



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